In his opinion, the chief causes were the existence of the Mission Dam, the Pillappattu Dam and several encroachments on the river. The matter had been brought forward in the Sixth and Ninth Sessions of the Assembly.

Dewan.—Reports have been called for from the Chief Engineer and the Peishkar.

The Member continued and said that early action should be taken to prevent the floods. Steps should also be taken to remove the encroachments on the sides of the Pazhayar.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

44. Certain agricultural needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai B. A., B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that, last year, he spoke about the necessity for removing the encroachments on the sides of the Thettiyar Channel. Agreeably to the orders of the Government, the Taluk authorities had measured about 4 miles of the channel, but he was sorry to say that they were continuing the work in the wrong way. At the fourth mile, there were two bifurcations—one to the Anathazhchira and the other to the mountains. They were measuring the branch running to the mountains. That was a mistake. It was the branch to Anathazhchira that required to be attended to.

Near the 13th mile on the Pallipuram road, Survey Nos. 673, 674 and 1951 in Andurkonam *pakuthi* had been set apart as grazing ground. The Member said that, contrary to orders, attempts were now being made to register those lands, and he requested that fresh orders should issue not to do so. The grazing block was very necessary at the locality.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

45. Agricultural disabilities of the Shencotta taluk.

Mr. S. Subramonia Karayalar B. A. (Member, Shencotta taluk) said that the agricultural disabilities of the Shencotta taluk had formed one of the subjects from the taluk ever since the inception of the Assembly and was brought up even last year. The constant failure of crops in the taluk was due to the want of capacity of tanks, the dependence of tanks and channel-fed lands on wild streams for water, and the absence of at least one common reservoir to supplement the water in the tanks. In regard to the improvement of tanks, he said that the restoration might be left to the ryots to be effected at their cost, the Government taking the responsibility of increasing the capacity of the tanks by acquiring more lands and the like. The irrigation works done in the taluk did not in any way benefit the channel-fed lands. The suggestion made at the last session, of putting up some big common reservoir to supplement the petty channels and tanks, was therefore the only feasible course. He mentioned the north-east of Atchanpudur in the Achankoil river, the Muriapanchan, the Paluruvy, and the Karikulamancholai as the best places available for a reservoir.

The Member next referred to the want of roads for agricultural traffic, and he requested that the following roads might be improved and their maintenance done under the supervision of the leading ryots.

(1) The roads from Moonuvaikal to Karkudi *via*. Thavanai.

(2) The old *raja pathai* (road) from Puliyara.

(3) The Mancholai roads from Karkudi.

The Member said that, in both the matters mentioned above, it would be an advantage to institute an enquiry under the presidency of the Executive Engineer, Quilon, instead of the Chief Engineer.

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The next requirement of Shencotta was some pasture land for cattle. He said that an agricultural farm and a manure depot should also be established at Shencotta.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Shencotta.

46. The agricultural requirements of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

The Revd. Kora Mathan Malpan (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) requested that, in the best interests of agriculture, an agricultural farm and a manure depot should be established on the bank of the Muvattupuzha river. A veterinary hospital should also be opened at Muvattupuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened in a suitable locality such as would serve the Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad taluks.

47. The need for the establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) conveyed the sincere thanks of the people of the taluk for having given them an English school and a dispensary.

Proceeding to his subject, he said that agriculture was in its primitive condition in the taluk. The soil was not also very fertile, only very few lands being fit for a double crop. The tiller of the soil was conservative by instinct and temperament and the only way to improve the condition was to demonstrate things to the people in their own fields. He therefore prayed for the early establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur. The farm would also benefit the adjoining taluks of Alangad, Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Parur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A single manure depot should suffice for the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad; and that will be opened.

48. The establishment of an experimental farm and a manure depot at Parur.

Mr. T. N. Atchutha Panicker (Member, Parur taluk) said that, though it was several years since the Agricultural Department was created, his taluk did not derive any benefit from it. The Members from the taluk had been repeatedly praying for an agricultural farm and a manure depot at Parur in previous Sessions of the Assembly, but nothing came out of it also. He therefore ventured to reiterate the request and prayed that it might receive sympathetic consideration.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Parur.

49. The question of grazing lands and stray cattle nuisance.

Mr. Edwin Vincent (Member, the Mundakayam Planters' Association) said that he had to complain of cattle straying on the road-side and causing damage to the adjoining property. With a view to obviate as much as possible the inconvenience, he was requested by his Association to ask the Government for 1,000 acres of grazing area. Should it be considered too much, he would be satisfied with a smaller area, if by any means that would increase their security against damage. He also asked for the establishment of a cattle-pound. The nearest pound was now at Peermade. The Association was prepared to erect a pound at its expense, if sanction was given.

Dewan.—A reply has been sent to you to say that, if you will put up a building and give it over to the Government, a pound will be at once opened.

The Member said that the Association would put up a building accordingly.

He next dwelt on the need for a cart-stand on the Kottayam-Kumili road. There was none at present, although about 200 bandies were halting on the road daily. He added that it was necessary to have some grazing grounds also. About 1,500 acres

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